

*Liechtenstein*¹

WAIVER OF VISAS AND VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

*Exchange of notes between the United States and Switzerland at Bern
April 22, June 18, and June 30, 1926*

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Department of State files

The Federal Political Department of Switzerland to the American Embassy

[TRANSLATION]

FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

B 23/1 Liech.-NH.

By notes exchanged on May 11, 1925, between the Legation of the United States of America and the Federal Political Department,² each of the two States agreed to exempt from the payment of passport visa fees the nationals of the other State falling within the category of travelers described as "non-immigrants" by the American Immigration Law of 1924.³

Since, in virtue of the entry into force of the Customs Union Convention between Switzerland and Liechtenstein (January 1, 1924) every foreigner who is authorized to enter Switzerland may, without any further formality, enter the territory of the Principality, the Political Department has the honor to request the kind intervention of the Legation of the United States with a view to having the advantages of the above mentioned agreement extended to nationals of Liechtenstein.

¹ Certain agreements between the United States and Switzerland were, or are, applicable also to Liechtenstein. See *post*, vol. 11, SWITZERLAND.

² *Post*, vol. 11, SWITZERLAND.

³ 43 Stat. 153.

It avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Legation of the United States of America the assurance of its high consideration.

BERNE, *April 22, 1926*

To the

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Berne.

The American Minister to the Chief of the Federal Political Department

No. 221

BERNE, *June 18, 1926*

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the Federal Political Department's note of April 22, 1926, wherein it requested that the advantages of the reciprocal agreement regarding passport visa fees, concluded between the Governments of Switzerland and the United States on May 11, 1925, be extended to nationals of Liechtenstein.

Under instructions from my Government, I now have the honor to inform you, as the duly empowered representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein, that the Government of the United States, in conformity with the request under reference, will, from June 1, 1925, collect no fees for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens or subjects of Liechtenstein desiring to visit the United States who are not "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924, namely,

- (1) A government official, his family, attendants, servants, and employees;
- (2) An alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure;
- (3) An alien in continuous transit through the United States;
- (4) An alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory;
- (5) A bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman;
- (6) An alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation;

and from the same date the Government of Liechtenstein will not require non-immigrant citizens of the United States of like classes desiring to visit Liechtenstein to present visaed passports.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

HUGH GIBSON

His Excellency

Monsieur GIUSEPPE MOTTA,

*Chief of the Federal Political Department,
Berne.*

The Federal Political Department to the American Minister

[TRANSLATION]

FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

DIVISION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Berne, June 30, 1926

B 23/1 Liecht. 2/1-NH.
Ad No. 221

MR. MINISTER:

By note of the 18th of this month, you were kind enough to inform us that the Government of the United States of America had accepted favorably our request, presented in the name of the Principality of Liechtenstein, to the effect that the advantages of the agreement concluded between Switzerland and the United States for exemption from the payment of passport visa fees be extended to nationals of the Principality.

Your Excellency notified us, accordingly, that the Government of the United States has decided not to collect, beginning with June 1, 1925, fees for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens of Liechtenstein desiring to visit the United States, who are not considered as "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924, namely,

- 1) Officials, their families, attendants, employees and servants;
- 2) Aliens visiting the United States temporarily as tourists, for business or for pleasure;
- 3) Aliens in continuous transit through the United States;
- 4) Aliens lawfully admitted to the United States who go in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory;
- 5) Bona fide alien seamen serving on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and who desire to stay temporarily in the country solely for the purpose of carrying on their profession;
- 6) Aliens authorized to enter the United States solely for the purpose of doing business in conformity with the provisions of a treaty of commerce and navigation at present in force.

On our side, we are authorized to inform Your Excellency that the citizens of the United States belonging to the above mentioned categories of travellers desiring to visit Liechtenstein will enjoy the same advantages.

Furthermore, we have to assure you that the present agreement will not modify the facilities which American citizens have already been enjoying for a long time in entering the territory of the Principality.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the assurance of our high consideration.

Federal Political Department
p. o. PAUL DINICHERT

His Excellency

Mr. HUGH S. GIBSON

*Minister of the United States of America,
Berne.*